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FOLLOWING IS GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR US PARTICIPANTS IN
SUBJECT MEETING:

(A) DR. HEMILY PARTICIPATED FIRST SESSION ECE SENIOR
ADVISORS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEC. 1972 AND WILL
HAVE BACKGROUND AND CONTINUITY FOR THIS EXPERT PLANNING
SESSION.

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(B) US PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DRAW ON REPORT BY US DELEGATION (A-309) POUCHED GENEVA TO USOECD WHICH REPORTS STATEMENTS MADE BY USDEL IN 28TH ECE PLENARY, MAY 1973, ON PRESENT MEETING TO PLAN FOR SEMINARS ON MANAGERIAL ASPECTS OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY. DEPARTMENT HAS NO RELEVANT DOCUMENTS OTHER THAN ECE TECH AC.1/1 (POUCHED HEMILY) AND ECE/SC TECH/2 (REPORT ON FIRST SESSION ECE S&T ADVISORS).

(C) YOU SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE APPROACH TO SEMINAR PLANNING IN LINE WITH GENERAL THRUST OF ECE RESOLUTION 3 (XXVIII) WHICH ENDORSES IMPORTANCE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY WITHIN ECE REGION. BOTH SUBJECTS HOWEVER ARE COMPLEX AND CAREFUL PLANNING ESSENTIAL IN ORDER PRODUCE USEFUL, PRACTICAL RESULTS OF INTEREST TO GOVERNMENTS.

(D) MORE SPECIFICALLY YOU MAY SUPPORT POLISH PROPOSAL FOR SEMINAR IN WARSAW IN 1974. WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE USEFUL FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFO AND EXPERIENCE PROVIDED SUGGESTED SEMINAR IS KEPT WITHIN REASONABLE, PRACTICAL LIMITATIONS AND DOES NOT IMPOSE UNDULY BURDENSOME OBLIGATIONS ON GOVERNMENTS TO PREPARE VOLUMINOUS INVENTORY OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ALREADY UNDERTAKEN THROUGH GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE CHANNELS. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES AND TO EXTENT FEASIBLE, EXPERIENCE GAINED. PROPOSALS FOR NEW COOPERATIVE RESEARCH SHOULD BE APPROACHED CAUTIOUSLY WITH EYE ON PRACTICABILITY AND COST CONSIDERATIONS.

(E) SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY CONSISTENT WITH WORK PROGRAM RECOMMENDED BY SENIOR ADVISORS FOR 1973 AND ECE RESOLUTION 3 (XXVIII) AS WELL AS US PROPOSAL AT FIRST SUCH MEETING (SEE GENEVA A-681 AND GENEVA 5488 BOTH SENT INFO USOECD). NOTE US SUGGESTION THAT SEMINAR OF THIS KIND SHOULD HAVE ASSISTANCE EXPERTS FROM EAST AND WEST WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY. WHILE DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS NO PROBLEM WITH QUESTIONS POSED IN DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA, KEY IMPORTANCE IS SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS WITH DETAILED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THIS COMPLEX FIELD. PLANNING SHOULD CLEARLY REFLECT THIS NEED. AS FINAL CAUTION SUGGEST YOU URGE THAT SECRETARIATS OECD/ECE COOPERATE CLOSELY SO AS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT. AS DR. HEMILY AWARE OECD IS INVESTING CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT IN CURRENT STUDIES OF INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION

ON BASIS SUBSTANTIAL INPUTS BY GOVERNMENTS. SHARING OF
AVAILABLE DATA BY TWO SECRETARIATS SHOULD BE PRODUCTIVE.
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